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For: ELECTRIC POWER STEERING APPARATUS

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes Amendments to the Claims; and Remarks.

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**Comments:**

Dear Examiner Joyce:

Pursuant to my voicemail message to you earlier today, attached is a copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed today in the above-identified application.